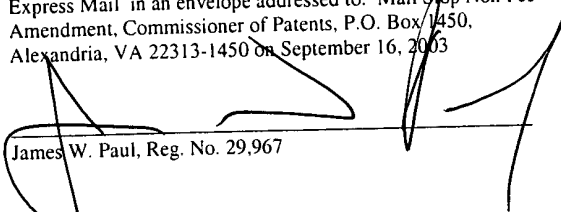


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 16, 2003


James W. Paul, Reg. No. 29,967

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

DAVID A. FERRERA, ET AL.

Serial No.

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: THREE DIMENSIONAL, LOW
FRICTION VASOOCCLUSIVE COIL,
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Prior Examiner: Julian W. Woo

Prior Group Art Unit: 3731

Client ID/Matter No. MICRU:65498

Date: September 16, 2003

EXPRESS MAIL # EV 327059379 US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Continuation Application being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), based upon Serial No. 09/590,794 filed June 8, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending Serial No. 09/140,495 filed August 27, 1998, now Patent No. 6,171,326, and Serial No. 09/089,328 filed June 2,